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HOMECOMING ISSUE

*Northwestern College
and Classical Academy*

Orange City, Iowa

NOVEMBER, 1956



HOMECOMING QUEEN'S FLOAT, 1955

PRESIDENT'S GREETINGS

Homecoming is always a festive and inspiring occasion on Northwestern's campus. The official Ground-Breaking ceremonies for our new multi-purpose auditorium will be an added attraction to the traditional crowning of the Homecoming Queen, the parade, and the football game. It would be wonderful to have a large number of our alumni attending all of these Homecoming events. We feel confident that you would greatly enjoy these events, as well as re-newing old acquaintances and making new friends at your alma mater.

Our 1956-57 academic year has begun with great enthusiasm as we have another excellent staff to serve our record student enrollment. I'm sure you would be thrilled and inspired, as we are daily, to worship in our chapel service which is regularly attended by more than 300 of our fine Christian students and faculty. We hope that you will visit us often on the campus, but certainly plan to be with us for Northwestern's 1956 Homecoming celebration.

DR. PRESTON J. STEGENGA,
President of Northwestern

HOMECOMING PROGRAM

Thursday, October 18th

7:00 P.M. Victory Bonfire (Athletic Field)

8:15 P.M. Homecoming Play
(Science Hall)

Friday, October 19th

8:50 A.M. Chapel - Coach
Colenbrander

2:00 - 5:00 P.M. Order of Events
(a) Crowning of Homecoming Queen
(b) Ground-Breaking Ceremonies

(c) Parade of Floats and Bands

8:00 P.M. "Big Game" - Norfolk College vs Northwestern (City Park)

October 27th from 11:00 to 11:30 A.M. over K.V.T.V. Sioux City, Iowa, Northwestern will be televised on the "College

on Camera" Program. This program will feature Homecoming Festivities at Northwestern, 1956.

Football Ticket Reservations

Mail in to Alumni Office

Name

Address

No. Adult Tickets - - \$.75 ea.

No. Children's Tickets \$.40 ea.

Please enclose check for all reservations. Tickets to be picked up at gate, night of the game.



THE 1956 RED RAIDERS

THE NEW AUDITORIUM AND CAMPUS EXPANSION

You are aware of the fact that Northwestern College and Academy is on the march! More students are on our campus today than ever before, and we firmly believe that a great program of expansion is before us in the immediate future.

The true value of an educational institution founded upon the Christian faith goes far beyond its physical plant; however, adequate facilities are needed to carry on the great work of teaching our youth in this part of God's Great Kingdom. There is a great need here on our campus in many areas. A great expansion program has been in progress here during the last seven years. Two fine classroom areas have been added; a great improvement has been made in our library; a new women's dormitory was recently completed, and at the present time it is nearly filled. The Campus in general, has been brought up to first-class condition. With the great increase in enrollment, we have been handicapped for space in our curricular and extra-curricular program. We therefore feel that the new Auditorium will greatly alleviate over-crowded conditions and make available much needed space.

The building of the Auditorium was originally approved by the Board of Trustees at their regular annual session in March of 1955. Since that time a great deal of planning and study by members of the Board, the new Construction Committee, the College Administrative Staff, and the faculty, has been made to make this building functional for the entire student body, alumni, community, and the denomination.

At this date all of the architectural plans have been completed and are in the hands of well-established reputable builders for bids. The bids will be received by the Executive Committee at the next regular meeting, Thursday, October 11.

This will be the first building on our new 13 acre campus addition east of the

present campus. This Auditorium will be a completely modern and fireproof structure. The overall dimensions are 170 by 144 feet. The partial basement will provide for the boiler room area, storage, and a drying room. The main floor will provide for a very adequate lobby including a ticket booth, trophy cases, lunch counter, storage space, and restrooms with adequate shower facilities, and office space. The north wing will be considered as an alternate and may be constructed at a later date, but this area will be arranged so that four large academic classrooms can be added for later development. A good sized kitchen will be included with equipment to be furnished at a later date. The main Auditorium will be multi-purpose. Included in the functions that it will serve are dramatics, forensics, physical education classes, concerts, massed choir, lectures, athletic events, community and denominational programs. The second floor of the Auditorium will provide for a good sized balcony which can be used for overflow crowds, for large mass meetings, or be used for added classroom space.

The schedule adopted by the Executive Committee and approved by the architect calls for the Ground-Breaking Service to be held at Homecoming, October 19, with construction to begin immediately thereafter. It is planned that the footing and basement walls may be completed before winter and that construction will continue as soon as the weather permits the beginning of next season.

The money received from the Eendracht Drive will assist in financing this Auditorium. Many churches in our surrounding areas have subscribed to large sums to be paid during the erection of this building. We need the loyal support of all our friends and alumni at Northwestern to bring this part of our expansion program to a successful conclusion. You are all invited to observe its development while under construction, and we hope that all of you have many years of enjoyable service from it after completion.

J. L. DE VRIES

Dean, Northwestern College

LIVING ALUMNI CELLS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

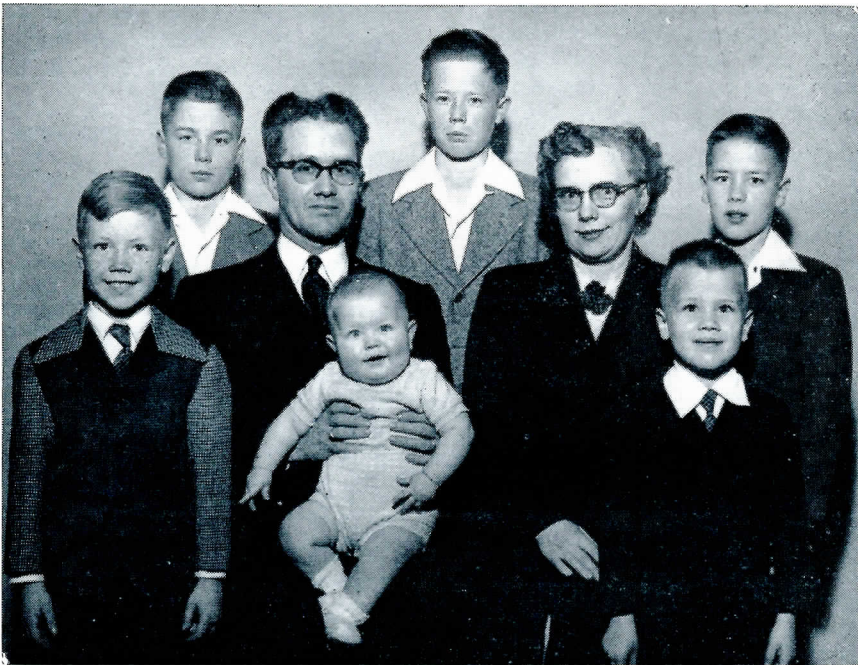
The Alumni of a school are related to it much as a son or daughter is to parents. The change in direct participation in the life and affairs of a school which comes after graduation by no means severs the connection of personal interest or responsibility, any more than a son's or daughter's leaving the family home cuts them off from a continuing interest in the home that trained and nourished them.

There are occasional sons and daughters who do sever all ties between them and their homes but that is never a normal procedure. An occasional son or daughter may all but disown the love and care of home and withhold any sign or token of appreciation or gratitude for blessings received, but again, this is not normal development. Likewise, occasional graduates of our schools abandon their ties when they leave; this is, fortunately, not true of all.

When one considers that the contribution made by our schools to our ability to go out to find an honorable place in the world, has enabled us to be more than just another person in a cruel, com-

petitive world, our sense of gratitude ought to be the more intense. Our Christian college training, in addition to providing the academic training for a successful life, has given us so many of the plus features of education that we are morally obligated to remember those who have nurtured us. Therefore an alumnus of a Christian college has an even deeper sense of obligation than his fellows in other schools. Life during our years on a Christian campus is more than a following after routine academic pursuits; it instills the finer qualities of character which introduce us to a nobler and richer world upon graduation. Our associates and associations are of a richer, nobler sort. Therefore our obligations are likewise greater.

Many fine families organize themselves into a kind of association to keep alive the precious memories of home and family years. At an annual family reunion fond recollections refresh our minds on the precious heritage of the past. Reminiscence enriches the soul and honors the past. Those who have shared in such reunion gatherings have always



THE DYKSTRAS WITH THEIR CHILDREN — Left to right: James, 12; Robert, 16; Russel, 4; Donald, 17; Timothy, 10; Thomas, 14.

come away inspired and grateful for the opportunity of remembering yesterday together.

In that connection, it would seem that an Alumni association with chapters in areas where members can not return to the Campus annually, but where those same glorious traditions can be re-lived, is of the highest necessity. Would it be possible for Northwestern, even though her College Alumni reach back over only 25 years, to set up the organizational machinery among her graduates which would be as "Living Alumni Cells Throughout The World"? Those fortunate enough to be living within a short radius of Northwestern will naturally become the cell which could channel life and enthusiasm to more distant cells. But let's set up a net-work of such groups throughout the country where all of us with Northwestern blood in our veins can annually meet for the sheer delight of fond recollection and for such support as we ought to generate for our school.

It doesn't seem right to be forgetting about our Alma Mater. We who have now reached greater maturity and who are better able to express our gratitude for blessings received, ought to do so. It would be like a visit with mother and dad. It would do us good and how it would delight them to know that they were able in their humble way to help send sons and daughters into life, better

equipped for having spent those few precious years at the family table at home.

It just doesn't seem possible that Northwestern's sons and daughters are not proud of their years spent there. I'm sure all of us have more honorable intentions than our performance would indicate. There is a real deep love for Northwestern but this, like many other things, needs the stimulus of a rousing family reunion to keep us aware of the way by which we have come and to inspire our sons and daughters to look forward to that same inheritance.

The traditional Alumni Banquet held at Orange City each Spring is becoming a bit arthritic. Let's pep this thing up a bit — have reports from outlying Northwestern chapters and report back to them. The chain of comradeship will be a blessing to all of us.

ADELPHOS A. DYKSTRA
Rock Valley, Iowa
Northwestern College '30

P.S. The accompanying photo of our family is 3 years old. The total of our family has remained static but our oldest son will enroll at Northwestern College in '57. Our family will organize its own Alumni chapter but let's have more cells across the country.

STUDENT BODY STATISTICS

Northwestern's Student Body is the largest this year in the History of the School. There are 128 Freshmen, 86 Sophomores, for a total of 214 in the College. In the Classical Academy there is a total of 63 students enrolled. The evening school has an enrollment of approximately 30. This gives a total student body at Northwestern of over three hundred students. Within the student body it might be of interest to know that five foreign nations and nine states of the U.S.A. are represented. Yes, Northwestern is expanding at a normal healthy pace.

New Scholarships have recently been activated on Northwestern's Campus:

— Board of Domestic Missions \$200.00 Scholarship for a young person going into full time Christian Service. Miss Joan Rozendaal, of Valentine, Nebraska, is the benefactor of this Scholarship this year.

— The Vander Aarde Mission Scholarship of \$100.00 to be given at graduation time, to a student planning for full time Mission Service, returning to Northwestern College for the sophomore year. Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Vander Aarde of Orange City, Iowa, are the donors of this annual Scholarship.

— Indian Scholarship of \$1000.00 from Mohonk Lodge Association, Clinton, Oklahoma. This is for the education of American Indians at Northwestern. Stella Bigfire, of Winnebago, Nebraska, is the recipient of this scholarship this year.

— This year Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mouw of Leota, Minnesota, \$100.00 Mission Scholarship Fund.

— The Okoboji Brotherhood Conference, \$131.00 Mission Scholarship Fund.

INTRODUCTION OF RETURNING AND NEW FACULTY MEMBERS

Miss Florence Huffman is in the Elementary Education Department. She received her B.A. and M.A. degrees from Drake University, attended Iowa State Teachers College and she comes to Northwestern with a wide teaching and administrative background.



Mr. Kenneth Kuiper is in the English Department. He received his B.A. degree from Hope College; his M.A. degree from the University of Michigan. He served two years in the Armed Service of our country. He has completed, at the University of Michigan, several hours toward his Doctor's Degree.



Miss Clara Van Til has returned from a year's leave of absence on a Fulbright Teaching Scholarship in the Netherlands. She has resumed her duties as Social Science Teacher and Dean of Women.



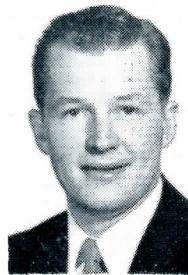
Mrs. John M. Smith is Librarian. Her B.A. degree was received at Hope College; Bachelor of Library Science degree from the University of Illinois. She has had several years of college library experience.

Miss Helen Van Wechel has returned to the campus in the capacity of assistant in the Library. She formerly taught in the Academy and is a graduate of Northwestern Junior College.

Mr. Cornelius I. Weber is head of the Chemistry Department. He attended Wartburg College; and received his B.A. and M.A. degrees from Iowa State Teachers College. He served three years in the Armed Service of our country.



Rev. James A. Witmer is assisting in the English Department. He graduated from Mayville State Teachers College, Mayville, North Dakota, 1952; from the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary 1956. He is the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Alton, Iowa.



OUT OF THE MAIL BAG

"Thank you very much for getting a duplicate diploma for me. I shall always be thankful to Northwestern for all it has done for me."

Betty Lammers C'54

"Enclosed please find a check for \$55.00 to be placed in the 'Memorial Chapel Fund,' in memory of my beloved father."

Rev. Bert Den Herder C'50
Alberta, Canada

"Enclosed please find a check for \$100.00 for undesignated purposes of Northwestern College and Classical Academy."

An Interested Alumnus

"Greetings from 'bonnie' Scotland. It has already been a month since I arrived here in this beautiful country, but it actually seems no more than a few days."

Aletha Symens C'54

WEDDINGS



Duane Koele Cn'55 - Lorraine Vander Tuin.

Ruth Bogaard C'51 - Lee Van Voorhis; R. - Iowa City, Iowa.

Harold Docter Cn'56 - Lynn Rae Mouw; R. - Sibley, Iowa.

George Korver C'53 - Jane Vernon Cn'57; R. - Brookings, South Dakota.

Janice Bomgaars C'56 - Kenneth McMurray C'54; R. - Akron, Iowa.

Esther Roghair Cn'52 - James Warn-tjes; R. - Sheldon, Iowa.

Henry Van Aartsen C'54 - Marlys Bonnema; R. - Sioux Center, Iowa.

Wayne Ekdom Cn'55 - Marie De Haan; R. - Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Ronald Voorderman C'54 - Marlene Vander Vliet; R. Elgin, Illinois.

Marion Hubers A'52 C'58 - Vivian De Boer; R; - Remsen, Iowa.

Lois Hubers A'52 Cn'54 - Richard Vermeer C'50; R. - LeMars, Iowa.

Don Den Hartog C'53 - Audrey Bomgaars; R. - Holland, Michigan.

Joanne Jansen Cn'52 - Robert Drost; R. - Alton, Iowa.

FUTURE NORTHWESTERNITES

PATRICIA ANN to Joann Diegen Thiesse Cn'53 and Mr. Thiesse.

MARK ALLEN to Thomas Cn' 48 and Mrs. Geselschap.

KAY to Esther Huisman De Haan Cn'37 and Rodney De Haan Cn'57

DEBRA KAY to Hazel Sprik Nibbelink A'52 and Bernard Nibbelink A'49

JANINE KAY to Beverly Muilenburg Wielenga C'52 and Wilmer Wielenga.

GAYLENE SUE to Gertrude Bosman Blankers C'49 and Mr. Blankers.

CEDRICK HAROLD to Clifford Pals C'55 and Mrs. Pals.

LILA CHERRIE to Lucille Van Marel Hoekstra Cn'55 and Mr. Hoekstra

RONALD LEE to Helen Van Abbema Peterson C'54 and Larry Peterson C'53

DEATHS

Mrs. Reka Visser Muilenburg A'13

WILL YOU HELP?

Here at the Alumni office we would appreciate hearing from more of you Alumni. Your interesting notes make good reading for others. Keep us posted on your activities. Let us know of weddings, births, deaths, etc.

As Northwestern's Alumni family grows larger each year, it becomes in-

creasingly important to keep that greater family in touch with one another, the Classic is your opportunity for this closer relationship. Do let us hear from you soon, and often.

Most Sincerely,
Rev. L. Nattress
Alumni Office

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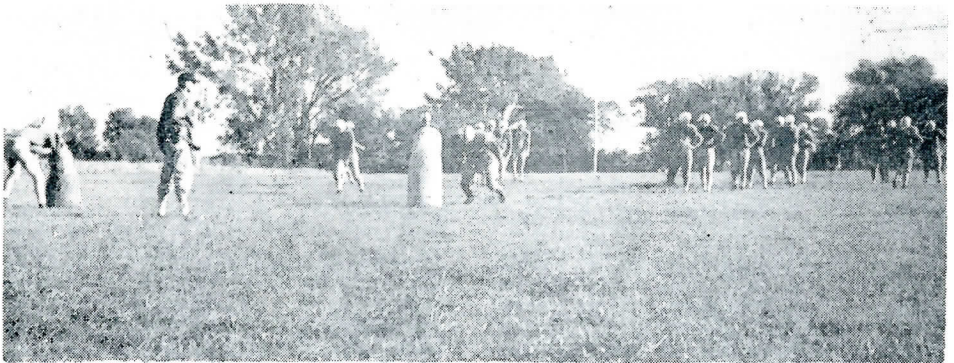
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Coach Colenbrander working with his team looking to Homecoming,
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